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# WILSON'S POLICY MAY COLLAPSE

## Wilson Reassures Business Interests

### PRESIDENT'S EFFECTS SUCCESSFUL

#### Indicates That No Further Business Legislation Is Contemplated.

##### FAVORS MILITARY TRAINING, CLAIMS

##### Deplores Militarism, However; Advocates American Merchant Marine.

##### WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—

President Wilson departed from the prepared text of his annual address to congress today, which was devoted principally to answering those who contend that the United States is unprepared for national defense, to give notice to the business world that the legislative program of his administration, as it affects regulation of business, is practically completed. He said it has resulted in a clear road for business to travel to "unclouded success." Honest business men, the president declared, need have nothing to fear in trading the way outlined in the trust and antitrust bills. While the president dwelt upon the subject, his words were interpreted as an assurance that no further important business legislation is contemplated.

The president's remarks with relation to business legislation were as follows:

**Program Is Virtually Complete.**

"Our program of legislation with regard to the regulation of business is now virtually complete. It has been put forth, as we intended, as a whole and leaves no conjecture as to what is to follow. The road at last lies clear and firm before business, a road upon which it can travel without fear or embarrassment. It is the road to untroubled, unclouded success. In it every honest man, every man who believes that the public interest is part of his own interest, may walk with perfect confidence."

**Deplores Militarism.**

In the text of his address, which touched upon the administration legislation program for the session, urging passage of bills for Philippine independence, government-owned merchant marine and some other projects begun but unfinished at the last session, the president devoted most time to discussing the question of national defense, deploring a policy of militarism but endorsing a development of the national guard and a military training for citizens.

**Against Militarism.**

He said he did not think the U. S. needed a big army and that to create a big one would be a waste of money and resources. He said he believed that the public interest is part of his own interest, and that he would not turn America into a military camp.

**Guard Against "Fire" Spreading.**

The Democratic side of both house and senate greeted the president's address with a declaration that "some among us are nervous and excited," and that "we shall not turn America into a military camp."

**President's Address.**

The president opened his address by declaring that the 63d congress, of which this is the concluding session, "will long be remembered for the great body of thoughtful and constructive work which it has done, in loyal response to the thoughts and needs of the country."

**European Needs.**

"War has interrupted the means of trade not only but also the processes of production. In Europe it is destroying men and resources wholesale and upon a scale unprecedented and appalling. There is reason to fear that the time is near, if it be not already at hand, when several of the countries of Europe will find it difficult to do for their people what they have hitherto been able to do for many essential and fundamental things. At any rate, they will need our help and our resources more than ever before."

**Shoppers Will Continue.**

STRIKE ON HARRIMAN LINES  
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—The strike of shoppers on the Harriman lines will continue, it was announced today by A. O. Wharton, chairman of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor after he had received the vote of the bolshemakers' union on a proposal to call off the strike.

#### The War At a Glance

THE German armies have answered the challenge of the allies, who recently assumed the offensive, by undertaking a sharp counter attack. In Belgium along the Yser canal and in the region of Ypres, the Germans have become more active. Today's official French statement said these attacks were answered with success.

The announcements from the Paris and Berlin war offices are in sharp conflict as to the outcome of the struggle now progressing with renewed force. The French communication states that the allies have gained further ground in the Argonne. This is denied flatly at Berlin, where it was said that there had been no French attacks for some time past.

To the contrary, it is said that the Germans continue to gain ground there slowly. It is also asserted that a French attack near Nancy was repulsed and that the Germans have made an advance north of Arras.

**DEFEATED RUSSIANS PURSUED.**

The Berlin war office says that the German forces in the east are pursuing the retreating Russian forces, who are being driven back to the east and south of the Polish city of Lodz, capture of which by the Germans was reported recently at Berlin. An official Russian statement, while not admitting the fall of Lodz, says that its defense is no longer a matter of prime importance and adds that, owing to recent developments, it will be necessary to form the Russian forces in that vicinity on new lines.

**REPORT 100,000 PRISONERS.**

Berlin is already looking toward the possible investment of Warsaw, as a result of the capture of Lodz, Russian Poland. It was said officially at the German capital that news of the decisive results of the campaign against the Russians may be expected at any time and that the latest reports from the military headquarters led to the belief that "operations thus far have been successful." It is reported unofficially in Berlin that 100,000 Russians were captured at Lodz.

**In the Balkans, Austro-Hungarian armies apparently have met with checks in their operations, which recently have been attended with marked success. An official statement from the German capital asserts that the Austro-Hungarian forces have been overwhelmed by the Servians in the recent fighting and have retired in disorder, losing 18,000 men. Reports from Cetinje, Montenegro, state that the Austro-Hungarian forces, which had been attacking the Montenegrin forces, but were repulsed with heavy losses.**

#### Mexico City Dispatch Says Railroads to be Turned Over December 15th.

Mexican Central railroad lines will be returned to the American owners on December 15 if they agree to install American train dispatchers, conductors and engineers and will rebuild and equip the lines.

This is Gen. Francisco Villa's offer to the American stockholders of the lines, a dispatch from Mexico City says. It is understood that Villa will accept one of the big contracts for rebuilding the lines, as he has had much experience in the construction of railroads during the past two years and could use many of his military construction skills in this work.

#### Starving Isn't Painful After Third Day, Says Doctor Who Tried It

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—If you can just keep your mind off the subject, hunger, even to the point of starving to death, is not painful. At least that is the theory of Dr. A. J. Carlson of the University of Chicago, who fasted five days for the experience. He says starving to death would be almost without pain if one could keep the mind off the lack of food, and that there is no actual pain after the third day.

This fasting period and other experiments he said, have caused the conclusion:

"That hunger is caused by the contraction of the stomach muscles close to the esophagus."

"That these contractions can be reduced by psychic means."

"That remedies and bitters ordinarily given to increase hunger have no effect on the stomach, but tend to decrease rather than increase the appetite."

"That liquor and tobacco decrease the appetite."

"That the pain caused by starvation is almost purely imaginary."

#### PHILLIPS TELLS WHITE CONGRESS OF RESOURCES

##### Texas Makes Decided Hit at Phoenix Meeting in Witty Speech.

##### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT IS READ

##### Gives Credit to Mine Congress For Good Safety First Work.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 8.—In an address bubbling over with contagious humor and filled with resounding metaphor, Prof. W. B. Phillips, head of the Texas state bureau of economic geology, made the big hit thus far of the 17th annual convention of the American Mining Congress now in session here.

Prof. Phillips was called upon to speak on behalf of Texas at the opening session of the convention. He followed 12 other speakers, who had responded for 12 different states to the address of welcome. All the other 12 had started out by apologizing and protesting that they were unprepared to speak. Prof. Phillips asserted that he was always ready to make a speech and thanked president Carl Scholz for the opportunity.

#### Texas and Arizona Can Hold World's

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 8.—The address of welcome to the 17th annual convention of the American Mining Congress, which opened here today, was a witty and humorous one, made by Prof. W. B. Phillips, head of the Texas state bureau of economic geology. He made the big hit thus far of the 17th annual convention of the American Mining Congress now in session here.

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#### Wives of Delegates Entertained

While the afternoon session was in progress the wives and other female relatives of the delegates were being entertained by the Musicians' club at the Y. W. C. A. club building. In the evening, at the Y. W. C. A. club, president Scholz made his annual address. This was followed by a general reception to the delegates.

#### Credit to Be Rejected

Secretary J. E. Walcott, both of Denver, are also sure to be re-elected. Mr. Walcott is secretary of the convention and Mr. Walcott is secretary of the convention.

#### Parsons Is Delegate

Texas is represented on this convention by Dr. Prof. W. B. Phillips, head of the bureau of economic geology. Dr. S. H. Woodworth, head of the school of mines, El Paso, and by J. J. Brown, state mine inspector.

Twenty or 30 leading Arizona miners are in attendance upon the convention as delegates. New Mexico is also well represented.

#### President Wilson's Letter

The president's letter follows:

"To the members of the American Mining Congress:

"I regret exceedingly that owing to the press of circumstances, it will be impossible for me to greet you in person at this time to preside at a cabinet meeting on Friday."

#### Ends Life In Lonely Cemetery; Aged Man Feared Being In Way; Would Make Room For Young

An old man was seen wandering among the graves of Evergreen cemetery. His head was bowed and he walked with the stoop of premature age.

Tuesday morning the same old man was found dead on the lawn of the cemetery with a bottle of kerosene beside him. A note was found by the caretaker, Samuel K. Hershaw, which was addressed to him and was written on Western Union telegraph paper. It was not signed but the name "T. G. Drury, 205 Fifth street," was written on another slip of paper. The name of the city was not given but the man wore a suit of clothes which had the name of the "American store," Los Angeles, Calif., sewed on it. There is a Fifth street in Los Angeles.

The note made a pathetic appeal to the superintendent of the cemetery, as a former sexton to one of his own trades, to give his "old body" a decent burial in the cemetery which he had selected as his last resting place because it was "a nice, quiet place." The old man said in his last message that he did not want to become "down and out" after living a useful life and he wanted to meet his two daughters in the "spirit world."

#### Dogs Found Body

Superintendent Hershaw was attracted to the body by the barking of his dog.

Tuesday morning he was led to the secluded spot in the cemetery where the body was found half hidden in the dry grass.

#### Rain and Snow Follow Blizzard; Damage Estimated at Many Thousands.

New York, Dec. 8.—Rain and snow today followed in the wake of the gale which for 48 hours lashed the north coast of the United States, and caused damage estimated at many hundreds of thousands of dollars. The local weather forecast said that no indications were for clear skies Wednesday.

The situation at Seabright, N. J., which became alarming Monday, as the tide and breakers swept into the streets on the shore front, was improved today. The occupants of many buildings who moved their belongings to places of safety at night returned to their homes today. The sea was still heavy and was pounding upon the few remaining parts of the seawall. Yards and streets were littered with debris.

#### Former Noted Diplomat Dies

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 8.—William Rockhill, the former distinguished American diplomat, died here today at 1 o'clock.

He was taken recently from the liner Chitro Maru, en route to China. At that time it was said he was suffering with a severe cold.

Mr. Rockhill, who has served the nation as minister to Greece and China, ambassador to Russia and Turkey, plenipotentiary to China and in other diplomatic posts, was en route to Peking to become adviser to president Yuan Shi Kai. He was 60 years old.

#### THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The day in congress:

Senate:

Met at noon.

Members went in a body to house chamber for joint session.

Adjourned at 5 p. m. until noon Wednesday.

House:

Met at noon.

Joint session with senate at 12:30 p. m. and heard president Wilson deliver his annual address.

Naval committee heard rear admiral Fletcher and Badger on preparedness of the navy.

Adjourned at 4 p. m. after hearing resumed by military committee.

Rivers and harbors appropriation bill consideration begun by committee.

#### POINCARÉ WILL RETURN

Bordeaux, France, Dec. 8.—President Poincaré will transfer his official residence to Paris this week. He will arrive there in time to preside at a cabinet meeting on Friday.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—T. G. Drury, a barber at 205 East Fifth street, said today that he gave an aged man named "B. Roy" a letter of recommendation to a friend in El Paso some months ago. He knew little of Roy, he said.

A section of a much larger cemetery than any in El Paso, and that he was going to and his life before he became a charge on any person.

He was neatly attired in a light grey suit of clothes, the coat having a plush collar. He wore a soft, felt hat and a storm coat. He is about 55 years of age, weighs 145 pounds and is five feet, eight inches high. The body was ordered removed to a local undertaking parlor by coroner J. J. Murphy after he had viewed the remains. He is making an investigation. In his note the man said that he had written his two daughters, who reside in another city, telling them of his intention of ending his life. The coroner expects to receive a wire from them soon.

#### Remarkable Bravery and Rare Presence of Mind Shown by Nurse in Face of Threat of Death; Carnival of Robbery Continues in the City; Many Holdups and Robberies Reported From Various Sections.

WITH rare presence of mind and an extraordinary show of courage, Miss Irene Mebus on Monday evening outwitted two burglars at her home, 1501 Cotton avenue, and then—proceeded to faint, after it was all over.

Miss Mebus got her jewels, and those of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clyde Mebus, out of the way of the robbers before she fainted; then while she was fainting, the robbers proceeded to rifle the house, but they got little if anything of value.

#### Stabbed by Hold Up Men

While walking across San Antonio street from the city hall shortly after 11 o'clock Monday evening, Thomas Jordan, an employee of the El Paso meter, was attacked by two holdup men and when he refused to allow them to search his pockets he was stabbed between the shoulder blades. The two holdups then made their escape, running through the court house yard.

#### Robbed by Negroes

Perry Rosa was held up by two negroes about 11:30 Monday night at the corner of Florence and Overland streets. He was returning to his home, he says, when he saw two negroes flashing a lamp in the windows of a rooming house at the corner of the two streets. Rosa says the negroes stuck a pistol in his face and demanded his money. He said he had nothing of value and was permitted to go.

#### Saloon Robbery

While the bartender at the Good Time saloon, on South Santa Fe, was in the rear of the saloon Monday night, a negro attempted to rob the cash drawer. The bartender heard the noise and reentered the room, arriving in time to see the negro beat a hasty retreat through the front door. The negro secured nothing.

#### House Is Ransacked

Hastening next door to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Dixon, Miss Mebus fainted as she was admitted to the house. When she revived and could tell what had happened, her brother, Clyde, and her brother-in-law, Mr. Young, were telephoned and they hastened to the place with guns, to find the house had been turned topsy-turvy by the burglars, but no burglars. The two men, after Miss Mebus ran out of the house, had ransacked her trunk and chiffonier and had torn open a purse belonging to the mother.

#### Blue Blooded Pussies Give a Grand Concert; Sheldon Guests Swear

Monday evening the lobby of the Sheldon hotel resembled a beach show. En route to Europe from Mexico City, Mrs. H. Scheffstad, with 14 angora cats and 10 prize winning bull terriers, registered at the hotel. Accompanied by her mother, she is leaving for Europe on a pleasure trip with her large assortment of pets which are prized very highly. Mr. Scheffstad stated that the cats are valued at \$7000 and are all insured.

During the night the collection of cats was closely guarded by a special watchman that Mrs. Scheffstad employed. They were kept in the baggage room of the hotel and cat like, the Angoras gave a grand concert. The pets were shipped to New York by express, accompanied by a special chaperon employed by Mrs. Scheffstad.

for this act and the bottle in his pocket will tell the tale. Take what little money I have in my pocket for your own use and also my shoes if you can use them.

"I am getting to be an old man and I have served my usefulness in this world and wish to pass on and make room for the younger generation. Soon I would be an 'old down and out' and a burden on some one. I was for several years a sexton of a much larger cemetery than yours and do not fear death. I have always done useful and productive work during my life and have committed no crimes against my country. I am an American citizen and have reared four good girls. Two I have buried and expect to meet them in the spirit world. Two are living, and I have mailed them letters telling them of my passing."

#### Wanted Quiet Grave

"I beg of you to grant me my request for a grave in some quiet corner of your cemetery. You need not even notify the coroner to hold an inquest, as nothing could be learned, as I have no friends or enemies in the state that I know of. I am just an old man passing into another existence."

Respectively, a brother sexton and fellow human being.

"P. S.—I haven't the money I expected to leave you."

#### The Capture of Lodz Menaces the Russian Campaign in East Prussia and Against Premysl and Cracow, in Austro-Hungary, is Threatened by Reason of the German Victory at Lodz.

The capture of Lodz menaces the Russian line of communication with Warsaw; that is to say, the great railway which runs diagonally across Poland from Czemstowa to the Polish capital.

It is this line which must transport supplies from the interior of Russia to the east's forces in Galicia and east Prussia. If the Germans cut it between Lodz and Warsaw, the Russians would have to transport supplies nearly 1000 miles further by way of Minsk, Brest, Brest-Litovsk, Smolensk and Lemberg.

#### German Casualties 100,000.

The Bourne Gazette, of Petrograd, estimates the German casualties in the month of fighting around Lodz at 100,000, and says the percentage of loss is particularly high among the commanding and commissioned officers.

**Russians Bombard Cracow.**

A Russian force numbering 27,000, under command of the generalissimo, is reported to have arrived before Cracow and to have begun a bombardment of forts in the suburbs to the south of the city.

#### Increased Activity on the Part of the Germans in Belgium

The official statement given out here this afternoon. The statement is as follows:

"In the region of Arras a very brilliant attack has given rise to serious engagements and our heavy artillery dispersed several gatherings of the enemy."

#### Bad Roads Check Progress.

Berlin, Germany (by Wireless to London, Dec. 8).—The official communication issued by the German headquarters today, says that the bad conditions of the roads, made worse by the recent torrential rains, is causing great difficulty to the movement of our troops.

#### To the North of Arras We Have Made Some Slight Progress.

The war hospital at Lisse was burned down yesterday. This was probably a case of arson. There were, however, no lives lost.

The statement made by the French regarding advances in the forest of Argonne is not in accordance with the reports for a long time past no French attacks whatever have taken place there. On the contrary, we are continuing our attack steadily.

#### French Garrison Defeated.

The day before yesterday a French position at Malincourt, east of Ypres, was captured. The greater part of the garrison fell on this occasion. The remainder, two officers and about 150 men, were taken as prisoners.

#### Pursue Prussians From Lodz.

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#### Having Taken Lodz, Germans Menace Russian Main Line of Transportation.

#### CLAIM CAPTURE OF 100,000 MEN

#### Allies Report Taking Vermeles; Germans Take Malincourt, France.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 8.—The total collapse of the Russian campaign in east Prussia and against Premysl and Cracow, in Austro-Hungary, is threatened by reason of the German victory at Lodz.

#### One Hundred Thousand Russian Prisoners Were Captured by the Germans in the Capture of Lodz.

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